

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held January 22, 2004

Attendees: Commissioner Kate Racine, Commissioner Robert Holbrook, Cindy Wilson and Alan Nault.

Commissioner Racine called the open meeting to order at 5:55 P.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.

3564 – Narragansett Electric Co.: In this docket, the Commission was designated to issue an advisory opinion to the Energy Facility Siting Board (EFSB) regarding the need, cost analysis and safety of the Narragansett Electric's proposal to relocate transmission lines between the Cities of Providence and East Providence (which application is pending before the EFSB.). In its application, Narragansett proposed to modify the E-183 115 kV Transmission Line (E-183 line) for the purpose of accommodating the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (DOT) relocation of Interstate 195. The proposal included the relocation of 6200 feet of the E-183 line between the west bank of the Providence River, across India Point, to the east bank of the Seekonk River in East Providence.

After review and discussion of the record, Commissioner Holbrook moved to make the following recommendation to the EFSB:

1. Motion to recommend the EFSB find that there is need to relocate the E-183 line from the Manchester Street Station to the intersection with the Phillipsdale Tap Line in East Providence to accommodate the DOT's relocation of the Interstate 195 and maintain the reliability of transmission system. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Racine and unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**
2. Motion to recommend that the EFSB find that Narragansett Electric proposed overhead configuration represents the most reasonable cost alternative to provide adequate, safety and reliable service to the region. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Racine and unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

A transcript of the Commission's January 22, 2004 open meeting discussion relating to this docket is available at the office of the Commission Clerk.

There being no further business to discuss, the open meeting adjourned at 6:25 P.M.